

A map of the Middle East region with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The surrounding countries are shown in a light tan color, and the Persian Gulf and Red Sea are shown in light blue. The title text is overlaid on the map.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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US Department of State**



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1. Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents

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2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

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3. Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government

Iraq's Sunni Deputy Prime Minister, Salam al-Zubaie, was discharged April 3 from a hospital in Jordan where he was treated after an assassination attempt last month by a group linked to al-Qaida, the Iraqi ambassador to Jordan said.

4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

The installation of three US Army-funded 11kV underground distributors from the Shaykh Omar & Oil Complex in Rusafa, Baghdad province has been completed, supporting the direct distribution of electricity to 50,000 local residents.



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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

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6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

On April 2, prosecutors sought the death penalty for Ali Hassan al-Majid, Saddam Hussein’s cousin and infamously known as “Chemical Ali,” for his use of poison gas against Iraqi Kurds in the 1980’s.

7. International Support for Iraq

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) stated that he plans to strengthen the international presence in Baghdad of the UNHCR, increase its activities in the country, and has urged the Iraqi government to “lead” a world effort to lessen the “humanitarian crisis” in the country.

8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

In a statement delivered March 30, Muqtada al-Sadr said the invasion of Iraq had burdened the country with violence and poverty. Sadr also urged Iraqis to protest in Najaf April 9 to mark the four year anniversary of when American troops entered Baghdad in 2003.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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Iraq Death Toll Up Despite Crackdown:

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Insurgent Tied to Extremist Groups Captured:

- Iraqi and Coalition Forces (CF) captured a suspected insurgent tied to Explosively-Formed Projectile (EFP) facilitation networks during a joint operation March 30 while targeting anti-Iraqi forces in Sadr City. The suspect is allegedly involved with several violent extremist groups responsible for attacks against the Iraqi people and CF, as well as facilitating the movement of EFPs into Iraq.



[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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Ambassador Khalilzad Optimistic About Iraq's Future:

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- The Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) "are performing better and they are doing better in terms of carrying their share of the burden," Ambassador Khalilzad said. He also pointed out that Iraqis seem to appreciate the presence of their soldiers and police on the streets to help effect stability, noting that citizen-provided tips about insurgent activity have been flowing in steadily.



[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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House Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Listens to Panelists:

- At its first open hearing March 28, the House Oversight and Investigations subcommittee listened to outside perspectives on the transition of responsibility for security to ISF. Though differing in areas of emphasis, all four panelists insisted that ISF will in no way be prepared to assume primary security responsibility by January 2008.



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~135,000
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 25,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~32,900
TOTAL	~193,300**

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~135,700***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~137,700**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~331,000****

- * Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers
- ** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers
- *** Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces
- **** Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries

Data as of April 4, 2007 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)

[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Developments



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Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Zubaie Released from Hospital after Attack:

- Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Salam al-Zubaie was discharged April 3 from a hospital in Jordan where he was treated after an assassination attempt last month by a group linked to al-Qaida, the Iraqi ambassador to Jordan said.
- Zubaie told Dubai-based al-Arabiya television April 3 that his attackers seek to keep Iraq in a “whirlpool of violence,” but that Baghdad's leadership will “confront these dirty terrorism groups that want chaos and sedition to spread among Iraqis.”

General McCaffrey Reports Growing Sunni Opposition to AQI:

- A report by retired General Barry McCaffrey claims there is growing Sunni tribal opposition to al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) and unmistakable evidence that the western Sunni tribes are increasingly convinced that they blundered badly by sitting out the January 2005 elections. He also says there is now active combat between Sunni tribal leadership and AQI terrorists, as well as evidence that the Sunni tribes are now supplying their young men as drafts for the Iraqi police.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi National Unity Government

Deputy President Tariq al-Hashimi	President Jalal Talabani	Deputy President 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi
Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih	Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki	Deputy Prime Minister Salam al-Zawba'i

(F) = Female

Minister of Agriculture Ya'rub Nathim	Minister of Communications Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	Minister of Culture As'ad Kamal Muhammad Abdallah al-Hashimi	Minister of Defense Abdul Qadir Muhammed Jasim	Minister of Displacement & Migration Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan	Minister of Electricity Karim Wahid
Minister of Education Khudayyir al-Khuza'i	Minister of Environment Narmin 'Uthman (F)	Minister of Finance Bayan Jabr	Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshiyar Zebari	Minister of Health Ali al-Shammari	Minister of Higher Education Abd Dhiyab al-Ajili
Minister of Human Rights Wijdan Mikha'il (F)	Minister of Industry & Minerals Fawzi al-Hariri	Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bulani	Minister of Justice Hashim al-Shibli	Minister of Housing & Construction Bayan Daza'l (F)	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi
Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahristani	Minister of Planning Ali Baban	Minister of Trade Abd al-Falah al-Sudani	Minister of Science & Technology Ra'id Fahmi Jahid	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Riyad Ghurayyib	Minister of Transportation Karim Mahdi Salih
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	Minister of State for Civil Society Adil al-Asadi	Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs Akram al-Hakim	Minister of State for National Security Affairs Shirwan al-Waili	
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rafi Hiyad al-Isawi	Minister of State for Governorates Affairs Sa'd Tahir Abd Khalaf al-Hashimi	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities Liwa Sumaysim	Minister of State for Women's Affairs Fatin Abd al-Rahman Mahmud (F)	Minister of State for CoR Affairs Safa al-Safi	



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

(Millions of USD)

Sector	Apportioned	Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,002.59	\$4,988.67	\$4,978.54	(\$10.12)	\$4,986.20	\$4,976.66	(\$9.53)	\$4,728.97	\$4,733.80	\$4.83
Electricity Sector	\$4,216.87	\$4,173.01	\$4,173.03	\$0.02	\$4,034.17	\$4,034.86	\$0.69	\$3,122.74	\$3,185.34	\$62.59
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,672.76	\$1,664.42	(\$8.33)	\$1,582.78	\$1,580.47	(\$2.31)	\$1,369.28	\$1,400.39	\$31.11
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,303.90	\$1,303.17	(\$0.73)	\$1,297.69	\$1,297.57	(\$0.12)	\$1,030.47	\$1,037.28	\$6.81
Democracy	\$999.26	\$998.31	\$998.31	\$0.00	\$998.23	\$998.23	\$0.00	\$920.32	\$920.32	\$0.00
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$410.06	\$401.26	\$401.26	\$0.00	\$401.26	\$401.26	\$0.00	\$356.23	\$357.09	\$0.86
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$331.94	\$330.66	(\$1.29)	\$324.58	\$323.30	(\$1.29)	\$214.46	\$217.13	\$2.67
Health Care	\$815.78	\$814.52	\$814.30	(\$0.21)	\$800.27	\$800.27	(\$0.00)	\$639.35	\$650.34	\$10.99
Transportation and Communications	\$456.72	\$456.67	\$456.67	\$0.00	\$450.87	\$450.91	\$0.04	\$344.93	\$350.15	\$5.22
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,115.79	\$2,112.68	\$2,015.67	(\$97.01)	\$2,042.83	\$1,966.23	(\$76.61)	\$1,503.54	\$1,538.52	\$34.98
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$809.25	\$809.25	\$0.00	\$809.25	\$809.25	\$0.00	\$780.06	\$780.77	\$0.70
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$210.48	\$210.48	\$0.00	\$210.48	\$210.48	\$0.00	\$186.07	\$186.07	\$0.00
Total	\$18,406.48	\$18,273.45	\$18,155.77	(\$117.67)	\$17,938.62	\$17,849.48	(\$89.14)	\$15,196.42	\$15,357.19	\$160.76
IRRF II Construction	-	\$10,503.82	\$10,399.23	(\$104.59)	\$10,190.82	\$10,114.60	(\$76.21)	\$8,246.12	\$8,366.39	\$120.27
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	\$6,771.31	\$6,758.23	(\$13.08)	\$6,749.57	\$6,736.65	(\$12.92)	\$6,029.98	\$6,070.48	\$40.50
IRRF II Democracy	-	\$998.31	\$998.31	\$0.00	\$998.23	\$998.23	\$0.00	\$920.32	\$920.32	\$0.00
IRRF I Total	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$0.00	\$2,232.3	\$2,232.3	\$0.00	\$2,139.00	\$2,139.0	\$0.00
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,879.78	\$20,746.75	\$20,629.07	(\$117.67)	\$20,170.92	\$20,081.78	(\$89.14)	\$17,335.42	\$17,496.19	\$160.76

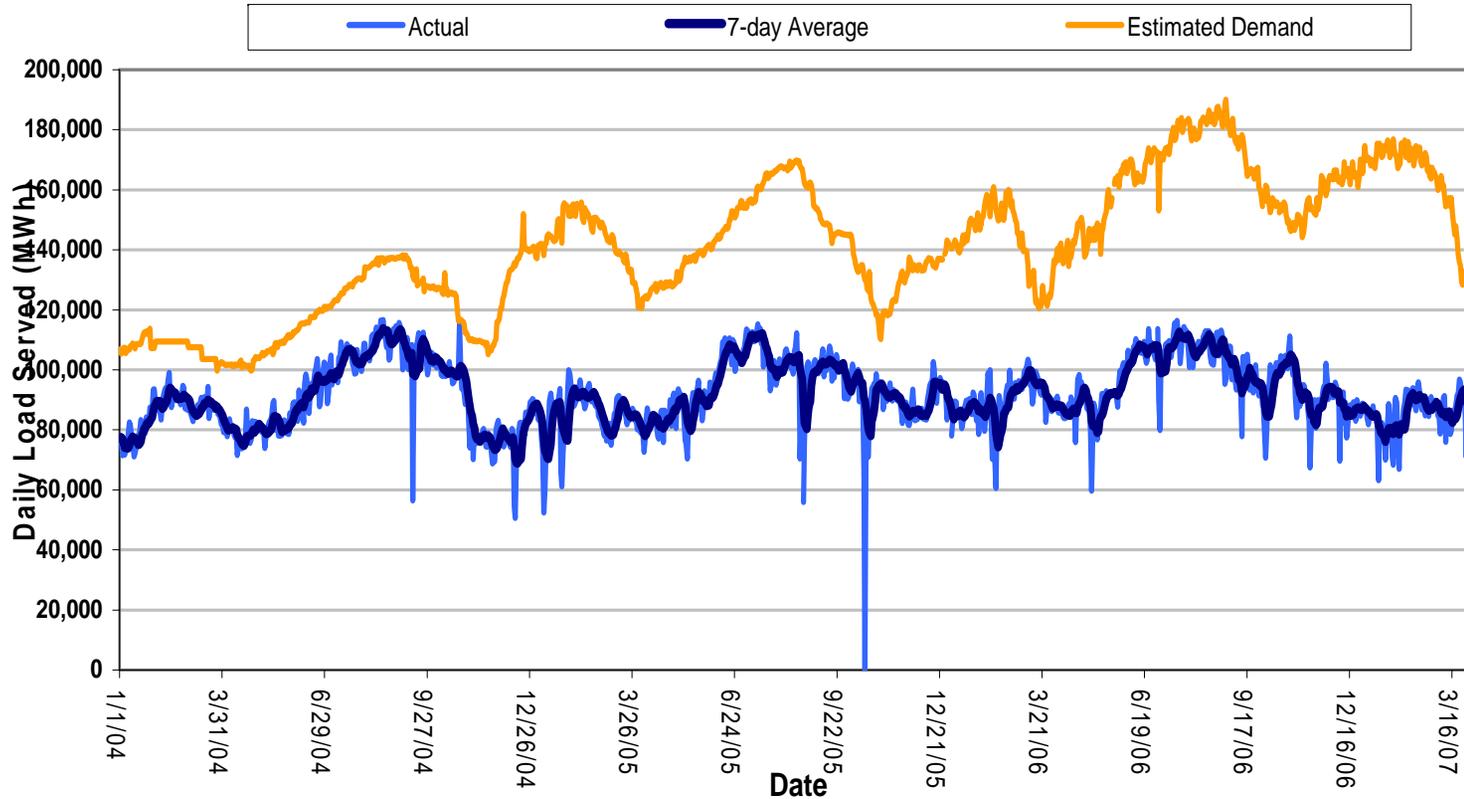
As of April 3, 2007



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

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Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- During the week of March 29-April 4 electricity availability averaged 6.9 hours per day in Baghdad and 12.4 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 4% above the same period in 2006.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Electricity, Health and Water**

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Electricity:

- The installation of three US Army-funded 11kV underground distributors from the Shaykh Omar & Oil Complex in Rusafa, Baghdad province has been completed, supporting the direct distribution of electricity to 50,000 local residents.

Health:

- The installation of US Army-funded utility connections at five public health clinics (PHC) in Salah al-Din province has been completed, benefiting both the PHC staff and patients by ensuring longer generator life and decreased operating expenses.

Water:

- The installation of the US Army-funded PW-001-2/RW 50 cubic meter/hour compact water unit in Ramadi, al-Anbar province has been completed, now providing fresh, potable water for 3,500 people in the community of Elbo Faraj.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

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Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending March 16 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$60.98/ barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$66.37/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$64.364barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$61.11/barrel

Employment Update:

Iraqi Employment Per Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	21,210	21,309	0.47%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	25,960	27,622	6.40%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) ²	4,015	4,015	0.00%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	10,937	11,975	9.49%
Iraq Reconstruction Relief Fund (IRRF) Non-Construction	6,484	6,484	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	68,606	71,405	4.08%

CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

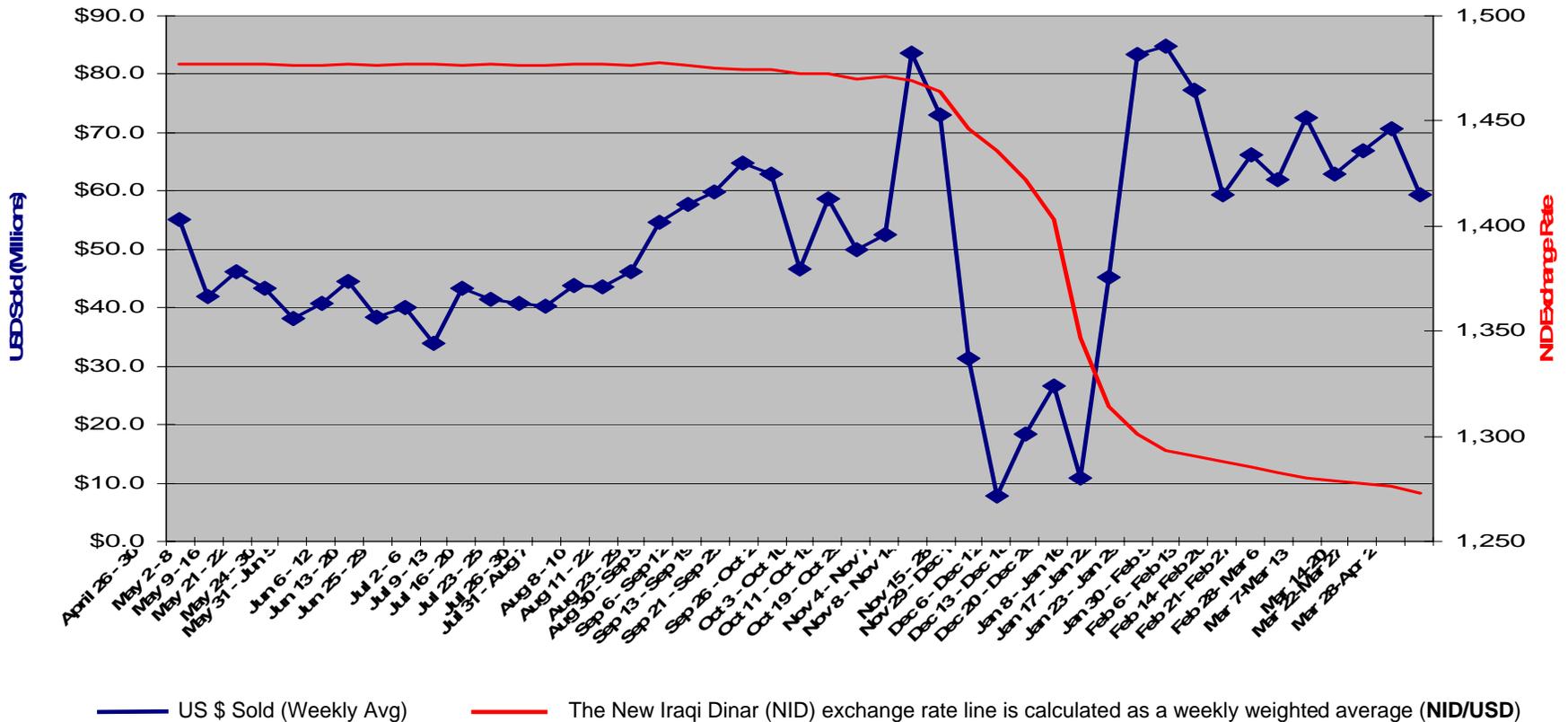


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold of and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since April. Since September, the Central Bank has slowly appreciated the dinar, as suggested by the IMF, in an effort to rein in galloping inflation. There are early signs that this effort may have begun to bear fruit, with prices falling 6.8% between January and February.

**Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: April 26, 2006 – March 27, 2007**



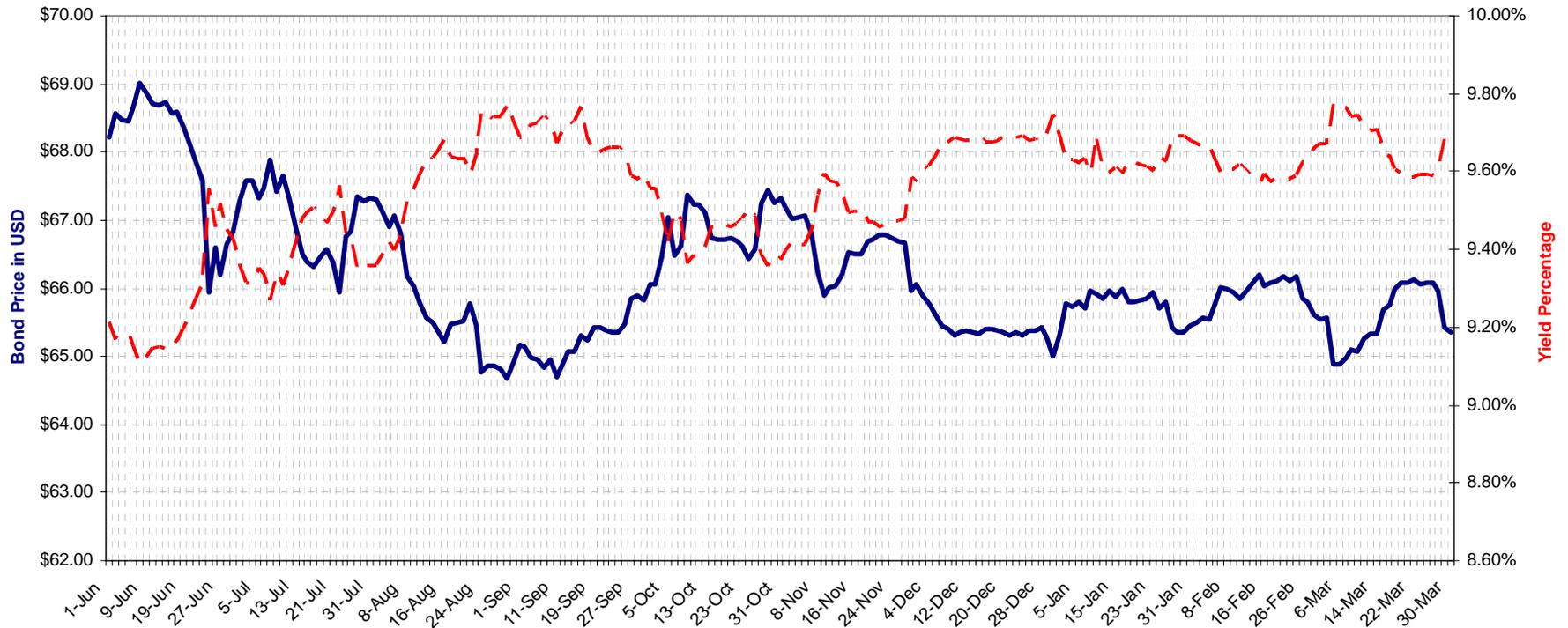


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to approximately two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement as per Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028. The bonds' current yield of 9.6 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
June 1, 2006 - March 30, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy –**Economic Events**

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Budget Execution: Salah al-Din Approves 2007 Capital Budget:

- On March 28, Salah al-Din Provincial Council members endorsed a comprehensive capital investment budget for the province's \$95 million capital allocation in the national budget. With the provincial capital budget approved, it can be passed to the Ministry of Finance, after which requests for individual project funding can be submitted to the Ministry of Planning and Development Coordination (MoPDC). Provincial Reconstruction Team Tikrit has reported that the final proposal was developed in line with new MoPDC regulations in a transparent and inclusive manner, and that it appeared to distribute projects evenly throughout the province, including underrepresented municipalities such as Samarra and Bayji.

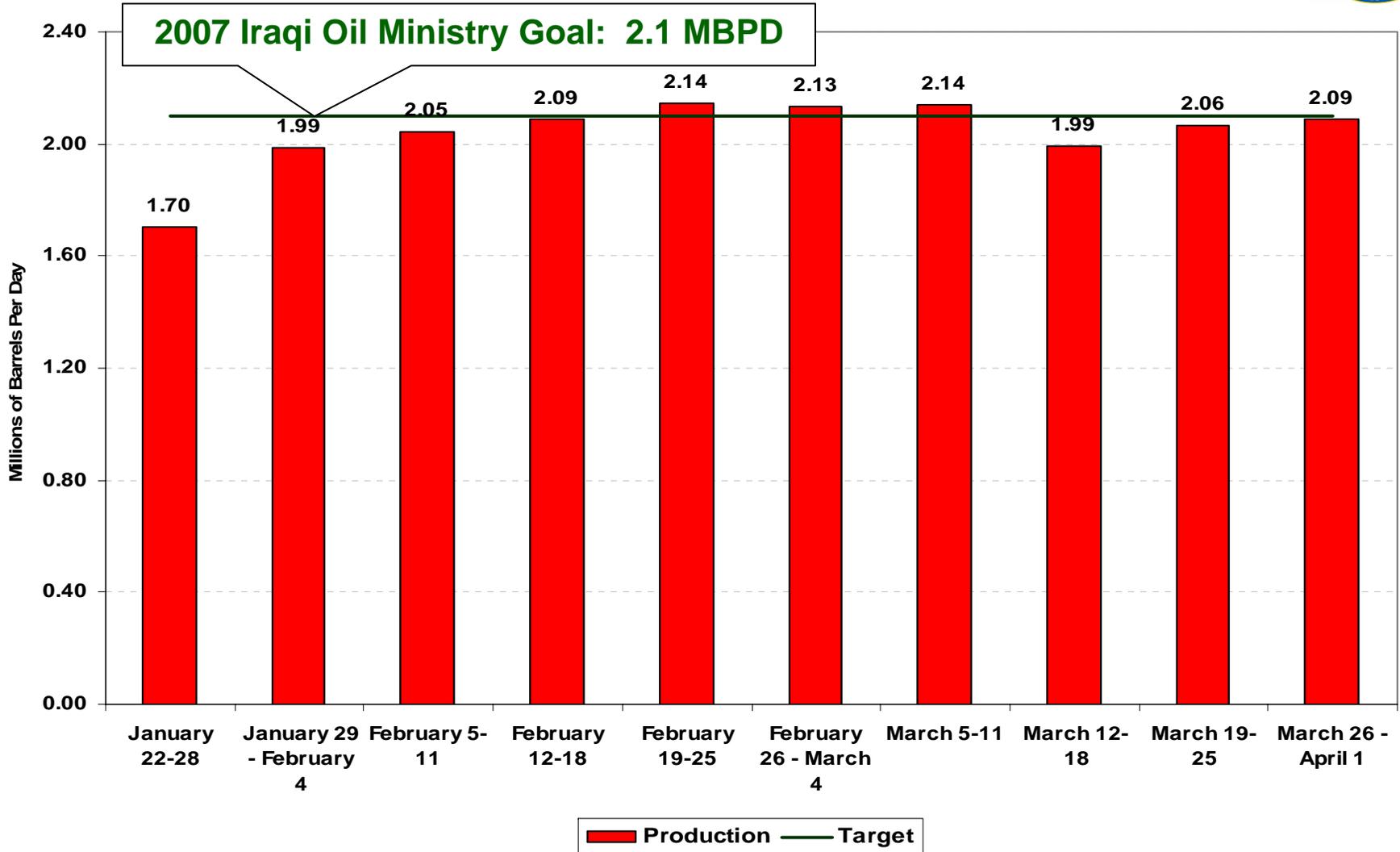
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[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production

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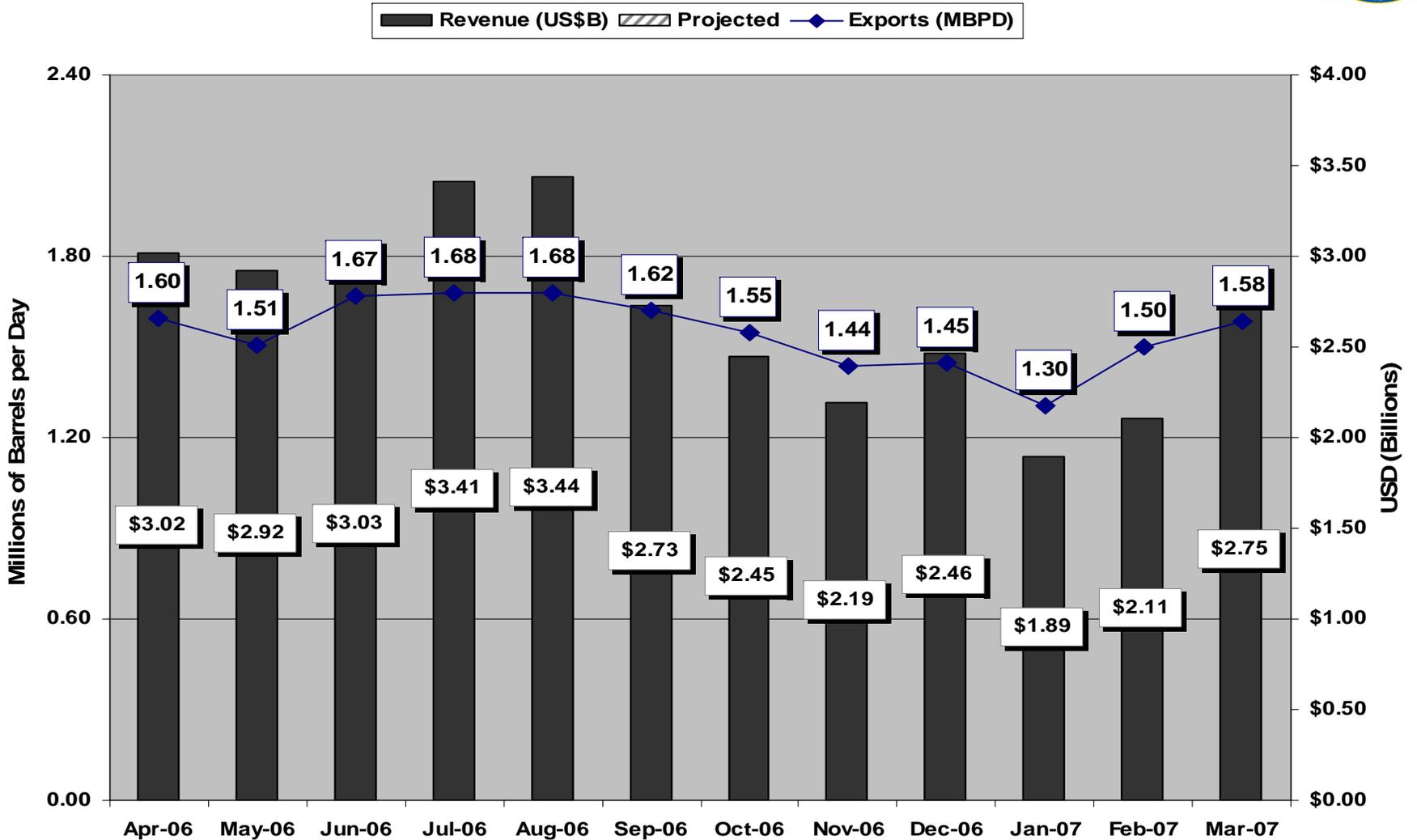


- Weekly Average (March 26 – April 1) of 2.09 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export

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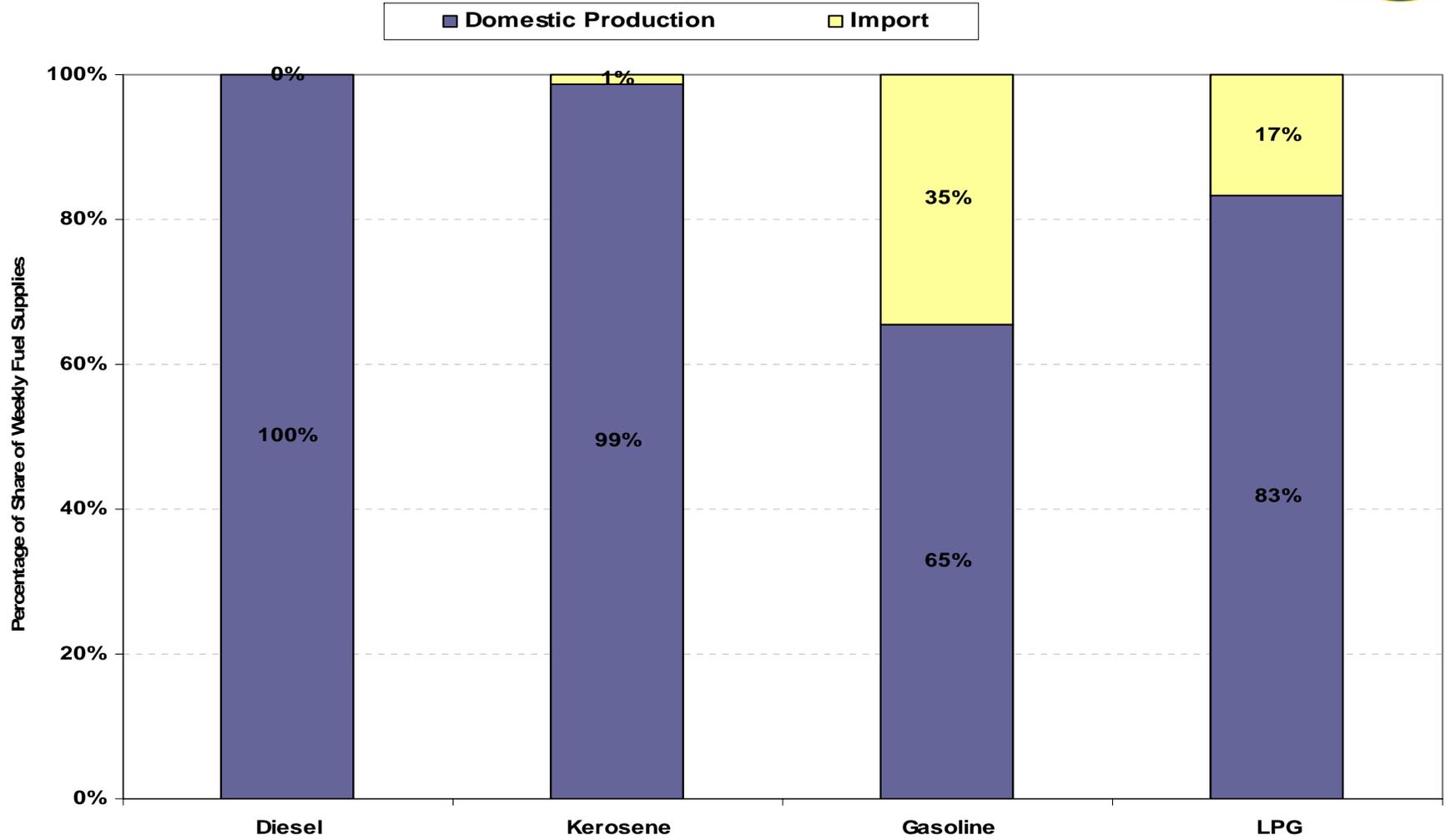


- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$6.8 Billion (Year to Date)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

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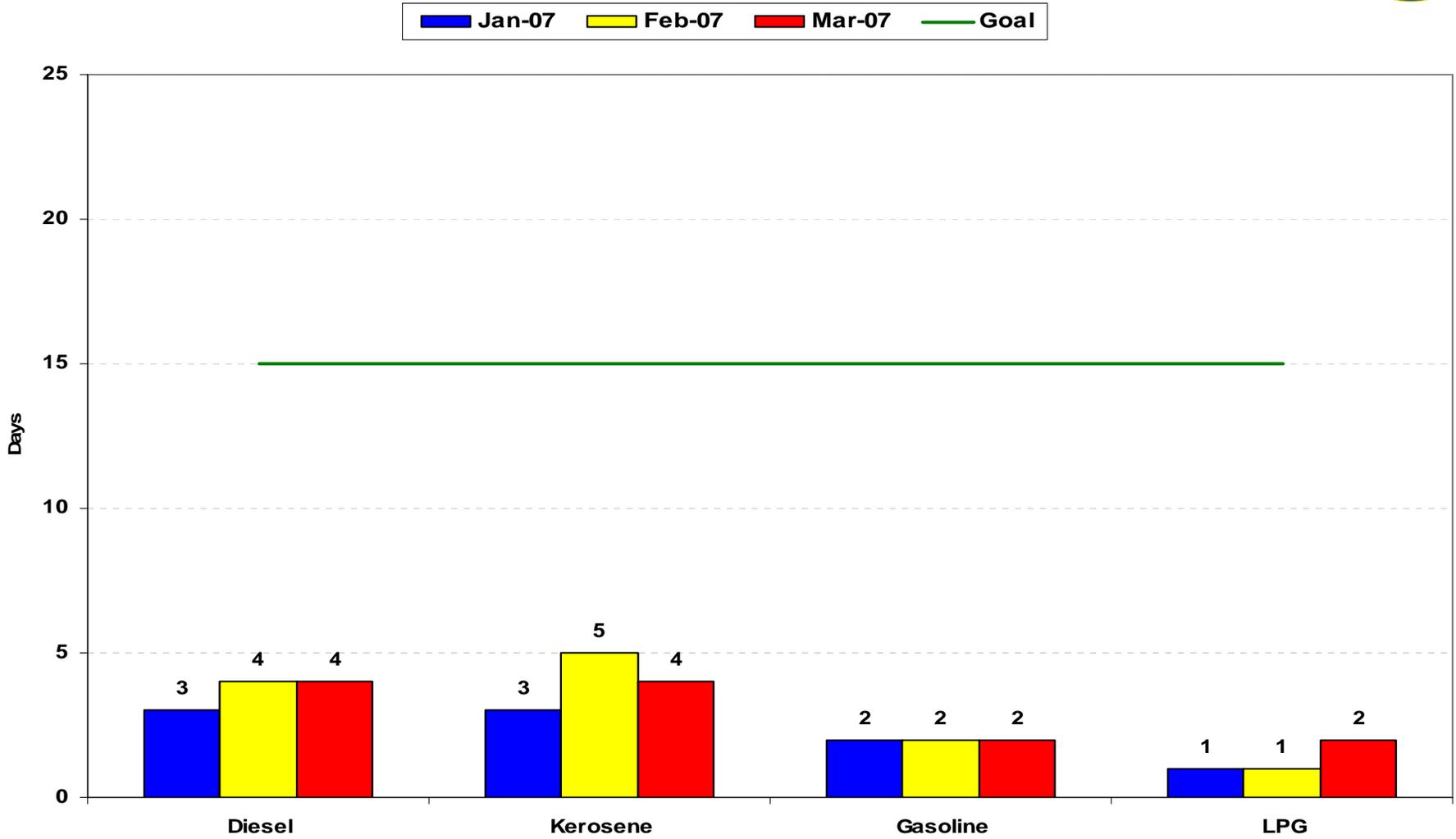
Note: This is a daily average for the week of March 26 – April 1

- Diesel: 10.4 ML supply of 22.6 ML target
- Kerosene: 3.8 ML supply of 10.1 ML target
- Gasoline: 16.7 ML supply of 22.0 ML target
- LPG: 2,392 tons supply of 5,000 tons target



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels

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- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights— Iraqi Judicial System

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Death Penalty Sought for “Chemical Ali”:

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- Majid is on trial with five other former senior Baath party officials for their roles in the 1988 Anfal campaign against ethnic Kurds that killed up to 180,000 people. During Anfal, thousands of villages declared “prohibited areas” were razed and bombed as part of a scorched-earth campaign. Majid admitted during the trial he ordered troops to execute all Kurds who ignored orders to leave their villages, but said he had nothing to apologize for.

Former Mol Official Undergoes First Investigative Hearing:

- The first sitting of the Central Criminal Court of Iraq at Rusafa occurred in Baghdad’s new Rule of Law Green Zone April 2. The Vice President of Iraq, Tariq al-Hashemi, Deputy Minister of Justice, Boshu Ibrahim Ali, and Chief Justice Medhat Mahmud were at the court when Ministry of Interior official, Captain Ali Abed Jasem Warid, underwent his first investigative hearing regarding allegations against him relating to the torture of prisoners in Baghdad’s notorious Site 4 detention facility.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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UNHCR Plans to Expand Mission in Iraq:

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UNAMI Organizes Workshop for Iraqi Governates:

- The UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), with the support of the UN Office for Project Services and the Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government, organized a workshop with the Governors and the Chairpersons of the Provincial Councils of Iraq’s 18 governorates.

Japan Extends Commitment for Two More Years:

- The Japanese government said they will expand their Iraq Special Measures law for two years, allowing Japanese Air Self-Defense forces to continue to operate in support of UN and Coalition missions in Iraq.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of March 30, 2007

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25 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	Denmark	Lithuania	Slovakia
Armenia	El Salvador	Macedonia	South Korea
Australia	Estonia	Moldova	Ukraine
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Mongolia	UK
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Poland	
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Romania	
Czech Republic	Latvia	Singapore	

TOTAL ~ 13,172 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

34 Countries and NATO*
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

*34 includes the 25 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and seven NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

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Sadr Delivers Statement:

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- POC Bob Means (202) 647-9815
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- Oil Prices are sourced from Bloomberg

Employment Update:

- Information regarding the Employment Update was sourced from the IRMO Weekly Report – April 3, 2007.
- CERP has not reported figures for some time. Until they report accurate data, the number will remain at 0.
- PCO will be reporting on a bi-weekly basis.

Slide 15:

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